

REMARKS

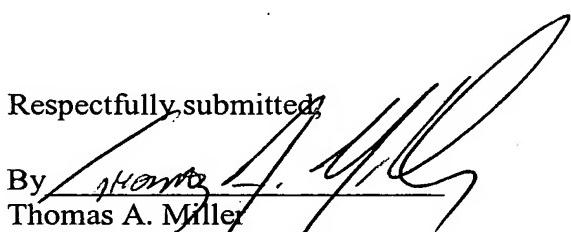
By this amendment, claims 1 to 10 have been canceled from examination without prejudice and have been replaced with new claims 11 to 20. Claims 11 to 20 are pending.

All claims were amended so as to cancel the multi-dependencies, and conform with U.S. practice.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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